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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2006. A Request For Continued Examination (RCE), together with a Petition For Extension Of Time, accompanies this Response.

Claims 17 to 36 are in the application, of which the following claims are independent: Claims 17, 25, 26, 31, 32, 34 and 35. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office action entered a rejection of all of Claims 17 to 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0233744 (Karaogoz). The rejections are respectfully traversed, for the reason that Karaogoz is not prior art to the